

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14,2008

ITEM 1
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Present were members Donnelly, Weber, Albert, Haskel, Handel and Wheeler. Anne K., Perspective member- Tim Fuller and Peter Lord

ITEM 2
EXCUSED ABSENCES

There were no absences.

ITEM 3
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The unofficial minutes were accepted. There was not a quorum at the last meeting. February minutes were accepted with the corrected misspellings (e on Anne's name)

ITEM 4
ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

ITEM 5
OLD BUSINESS

- A. New member search.- Tim states that he is willing to take initiative. He seems well qualified and would be a welcomed member.
- B. Composter report- Enoch reported on the huge success. He has gotten over 200 orders for composters- mostly Bar Harbor residents. He would like help distributing them on Saturday at Salsbury Farms. We will revisit the idea of restaurant composting in Hulls Cove.
- C.Dark Skies Ordinance update. Jill, Anne K. and Peter Lord report on their meeting. Peter is ready and willing to give informational talks. He has funding to promote Dark Skies work and put forth the measurement technology. Southwest Harbor is working on an ordinance. Bar Harbor would like to have theirs ready for the voters in the fall and Mt. Desert in the spring. Education outreach is very important. M. A. will go to the Planning Board meeting where it will be discussed.
- CI.D. Conservation Awards at Town Meeting inquiry- Jill spoke with Ruth Eveland, who supports the idea of awards. She would like us to work together with the Town Council- We are happy to assist the Council in a general recognition award.

ITEM 6
NEW BUSINESS

- A. Staff reports-
- B. Discussion on 3.18.08 and 3.25.08 meeting with Town Council. M. A., Jill, Carla and Anne W. met with the Town Council and shared with them our work plan. We discussed

our work on Dark Skies initiative. The Council shared their appreciation for our work. We will keep them informed on any new projects. This was a productive meeting and we look forward to continuing to work closely with the Council.

-Jill reported on the Council/Warrant meeting. On the warrant is \$10,000 for an energy audit. We discussed Cool Cities energy audit. Should we work on a Cool Cities initiative?. We all agreed (with one abstain- is there a better way to do this?) that we will suggest that the Town adopt the Cool Cities concept to support and go with the \$10,000 Warrant. We'll discuss this at the next meeting.

-We would like to revisit the recycling situation- the change of market, prices, etc. we will add Recycling/Composting to our Work Plan.-it was inadvertently left off.

E. Attend and present at Champlain Society meeting in August- John Kelly and Peter Lord have invited us along with other towns to a Star gazing at 10pm-

ITEM 7

COMMISSION COMMENTS

-Anne W. and Carla will speak to the Cool Cities proposal at next meeting.

-Dark Skies

-Review of Planning Board workshop

ITEM 8

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Wheeler, Sect.